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A method for conversion of a voice output of appliance statuses, wherein three spoken phrases are stored for each appliance to be controlled, with the first spoken phrase being allocated to a first appliance status, the second spoken phrase being allocated to a second appliance status, and the third spoken phrase being allocated for at least one third status. When an appliance status is checked, the relevant appliance sends a data word. If the value (which identifies the current appliance status) of the data word corresponds to a first value, the first spoken phrase is output, if it corresponds to a second, the second spoken phrase is output, and the third spoken phrase and the third value are output for at least one third value.